

JUDGE RIVER ON THE BENCH.

Comes from Wyoming to Hold
Court for Judge Marshall.

GRAND JURY IMPAINED.

One Case on Trial Today—Defendant
Charged With Making Improper
Use of the Mails.

The United States court opened this morning with Judge John A. Riser of Cheyenne on the bench, he having arrived in the city early this morning, to take the place of Judge Marshall, who is ill.

The grand jury was impeached and W. F. Colton was chosen foreman.

The day was occupied with the trial of H. Mason Abbott, charged with having made improper use of the mails. The charge is a serious one and much care is being taken in the prosecution of it. Mr. Abbott's attorney is Alvin Taylor.

JUDGE MARSHALL'S CONDITION.

Dr. Fowler stated this afternoon that there was a slight improvement in the condition of Judge John A. Marshall, who is confined to his home with a serious attack of sickness which threatens to develop into pneumonia. The judge was seized with a chill on Saturday last and since that time has been very ill.

A PIONEER'S FUNERAL.

Remains of Archibald N. Hill to be
Laid to Rest Thursday.

The funeral of the late Archibald N. Hill, one of the venerable pioneers, who are silently but gradually passing away, who expired at his home yesterday, will be held from the Twenty-second ward meeting house Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The remains may be viewed at his late residence, No. 573 north Fifth West street, from 9 until 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Deceased was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, August 20, 1816. When he was three years old his parents moved to Canada, where he spent his youthful days. He left Canada in 1842, and traveled to Nauvoo by way of Chicago, the great city at that time being a mere outpost or trading station. He became identified with the Latter-day Saints at Nauvoo and has been a zealous worker in the church from the day he was baptized up to the time his infirmities compelled him to take to his bed. He was with the Saints through the bitter days of Nauvoo and was one of the company which left Winter Quarters in June of '47, arriving in Salt Lake City, September 27th.

After arriving in Salt Lake, deceased assisted in the building of a few houses, after which he turned his hand to farming, and on the ground on which the Seventeenth ward meeting house now stands he raised his first crop, and a bounteous one it was, too, considering the conditions. In August, 1848, he was with a company which went from Salt Lake to South Pass, to meet President Brigham Young, who was coming to the valleys with a large company. On that occasion Mr. Hill presented President Young a Utah raised watermelon, the first the President had ever seen from Utah.

Mr. Hill had charge of the general tithing office at Salt Lake for fourteen years and his management of the affairs of that office was characterized by sterling honesty and business ability. He later became a merchant for himself and succeeded fairly. He leaves eighteen children, forty-eight grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

FROM THE AUDITOR.

Cash on Hand at the Beginning of
the New Year.

Ex-City Auditor Swan's report of the city's finances for December is as follows:

Balance on hand, Dec 1.....	\$19,439.89
City taxes collected.....	90,512.43
Water rates.....	32,215.05
Liquor license receipts.....	10,450.00
Miscellaneous licenses.....	2,758.10
Merchandise licenses.....	1,808.95
Street paving tax.....	1,960.94
Fines and forfeits.....	2,465.00
Sewer extension taxes.....	1,122.15
Cemetery revenues.....	556.25
Sundry revenues.....	1,942.21
Total.....	\$145,658.97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest of bonds.....	\$1,200.00
Streets and irrigation.....	5,171.48
Fire department.....	2,785.06
Waterworks department.....	2,945.51
Police department.....	2,932.53
Street lighting.....	2,432.95
Official salaries.....	2,308.05
Engineering department.....	1,642.94
Interest on overdraft.....	1,545.36
Claims and damages.....	11,165.00
Sewer farm, land purchased.....	4,736.76
Fire station No. 4.....	2,600.00
Health department.....	1,123.70
Pioneer park.....	963.27
Legal expense.....	847.30
Joint building expense.....	679.30
Mayor's contingent fund.....	460.90
Sundry disbursements.....	2,854.37
Total disbursements.....	\$79,539.46
Balance on hand Dec 31.....	\$66,119.51
Total.....	\$145,658.97

A DOMESTICATED TARANTULA.

Mr. Goodin of Texas owns a pet tarantula which he calls Joe. The tarantula responds to his name and gives many tokens of intelligence and affection. He lies perfectly quiet on his back, lets his fangs be exhibited, and makes no attempt to use them to any one's harm. At his master's command he shakes hands with one of his long legs, and he loves to be fondled and petted. He has been in captivity more than two years, and apparently has no longing for freedom. He is large, cleanly in his habits and will not allow any refuse in his cage. He eats only once in three or four weeks and throws away his old clothes and puts on new ones once a year. His food consists mainly of large crickets and grasshoppers. Goodin is fond of animals of all sorts, and has a great control over them. Wild birds often follow him for long distances and other untamed creatures show a similar inclination.

LICENSED TO MARRY.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Joseph R. Griffiths, 33, and Mary L. Leilston, 24, both of Salt Lake City.

ACTORS ENGAGE IN A FIST FIGHT

Two Members of the Paul Gilmore
Company Settle a Difficulty.

WAS A VERY LIVELY BOUT.

A Policeman Arrived on the Scene,
but Would Not Make Any Arrests—
Fought It Out.

Last night after the adventures of the "Three Musketeers" at the Grand, after the mimmie Richelieu had laid aside his red robe, D'Artagnan and his sword was wont to write and dart like a serpent seeking a place to bite, and the polished Aramis his sword and crucifix, real war broke out among two of the actors.

Just where and how the trouble began is not known, as the parties most in interest have no inclination to discuss it, but rumor says that the finale was preceded by a number of bouts. It was along towards 5 o'clock this morning when the two belligerents appeared at the hotel, the Wey, on State street and hostilities were renewed.

The first floor parlor was the scene of the battle, with some of the guests and members of the company who had been aroused, as spectators. Perhaps the country Louis himself viewed the struggle and D'Artagnan was there no one would expect him to interfere, because his liking for a bout between anyone wearing the cardinal's colors and a guardman is a matter of history, even though it is somewhat ancient.

One surprising feature was the presence of a policeman, who came on the scene after the row was well under way, but made little or no effort to suppress the fight, and afterwards made no arrest.

After the actors had hammered themselves to their entire satisfaction, upset a little furniture and a large lady, who happened to get in the way, quiet was restored and the warriors went to bed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Crushed to the doors with standing room only, was the condition that prevailed at the Grand this afternoon during the rendition of the "Musketeers" which has struck the public fancy in a manner that causes Manager Mulvey to smile the smile of a man who has made a profitable venture. The production goes for the last time tonight. It is certain that the closing performance will be a large one as the house was almost sold out when the matinee curtain rolled up. Tomorrow night the "Prisoners of Conscience" will hold the boards and will run for the remainder of the week.

PERSONAL.

E. P. Bacon is down from Logan. Dr. O. C. Ormsby, of Logan, was a Salt Lake visitor today.

Judge E. F. Colborn is in Denver on business.

At the Cullen are Geo. H. Williams, of Milford, and A. D. Hudnall.

Hon. Thomas Kearns is in Prisco, Utah, looking out for marble for his palatial home.

H. F. Caffey and wife of Castle Gate have returned from the East, where they have been on a visit.

Registered at the Kenyon are G. C. Pritchard, Denver, and at the Walker, Superintendent Murray of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company is in Boise, Idaho, on business for the company.

Adam Caldwellstock came down from Caldwell, Idaho, to see his brother who is suffering from pneumonia at the Holy Cross hospital.

F. E. Wamboldt, who has been visiting at Salt Lake during the holidays, left last night for his home in Lehigh, Canada. He is very much pleased with Salt Lake and greatly enjoyed his visit here.

County Auditor Wood went to Springfield this morning to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, T. M. Haymond, who died on Monday of typhoid fever. The deceased was the husband of Mr. Wood's oldest sister. There are six children left to the care of the widow.

"Evil Dispositions Are Early Shown."

Just so evil in the blood comes out in shape of scrofula, pimples, etc., in children and young people. Taken in time it can be eradicated by using Hood's Sarsaparilla. In older people, the aftermath of irregular living shows itself in bilious conditions, a heavy head, a foul mouth, a general bad feeling. It is the blood, the impure blood, friends, which is the real cause. Purify that with Hood's Sarsaparilla and happiness will reign in your family.

Bladder Trouble—"Was a long time getting over the grip, which was followed by severe bladder trouble. Nothing helped until I used Hood's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles made me sound and well." Mrs. Lois Wurtz, Evans, Tex.

Poor Health—"I was not feeling well, took Hood's Sarsaparilla with quick and satisfactory effects. Have been in good health ever since." P. L. McLaughlin, 445 Hale St., Augusta, Ga.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver bile, the most irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

DR. THORNE COMES HOME.

Was Unable to See Haworth in
Farmington Jail.

MAY RETURN TOMORROW.

Belief that the Prisoner is Feigning
Insanity—Richards & Allison Will
Assist County Atty. Streeper.

(SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS.")

Farmington, Jan. 3.—Dr. Thorne of Salt Lake, who came up here today accompanied by the brother of Haworth, was compelled to go back this afternoon without seeing the accused man. The doctor came for the purpose, as he stated, of inquiring into the prisoner's mental and physical condition, but on account of the absence from the town of Sheriff Abbott was unable to see his man. The rigid rule of not permitting any one to see or converse with the prisoner except in the presence of Sheriff Abbott was thus adhered to. Sheriff Abbott is expected to arrive home from Salt Lake this evening, and it is probable that Dr. Thorne may come up again tomorrow.

In view of the fact that such eminent counsel as the law firm of Powers, Strout & Lippman has been retained to defend him the prosecution has also decided to have distinguished counsel associated with it. When County Attorney Streeper was spoken to this afternoon he admitted that such was the case and that Richards and Allison of Ogden would probably aid him in the prosecution of Haworth.

It is quite generally believed this afternoon that Haworth, while nervous and frightened over the predicament in which he finds himself, is feigning insanity in the hope of assisting himself out of the difficulty in which he is placed.

THE RUSH TO CAPE NOME.

It is Estimated that Two Hundred Utah Men
Will Go.

Will Set Sail in February and March—
Some Will Go On to Dawson
City, Ont.

Utah will be well represented in the rush to Cape Nome during the coming spring. While most of those going from this State expect to engage in mining, several will try to establish themselves in business.

Nearly all of the Utah men who have decided to make the trip will leave here during February, although some will not sail until March.

Some of them, who are familiar with the situation, estimate that about two hundred men from this State will join in the rush of gold seekers. They will come largely from the mining camps, although Salt Lake City will be fairly well represented.

Several will go on to Dawson City, although the number will be comparatively small. Ex-Assistant Fire Chief Mike Donovan will, it is said, leave later in the year for Dawson City, to join his brother, Captain John Donovan, who has made quite a stake in the Klondike capital, and has extensive business and mining interests there.

UNIVERSITY CASE STILL ON

The Defense Has Started to Put in Its Testi-
mony.

Mrs. Gritman's Divorce Suit—Trial of
Z. C. M. Case Resumed—
Other Matters.

The time of Judge Hiles has been taken up again today hearing testimony in the suit for an injunction brought by Thomas Morris et al against the University of Utah.

Plaintiffs seek to enjoin the defendant from letting the contract for the construction of the physical wing of the new University building to W. H. Roney of Chicago, on the ground that he was not the lowest bidder.

The plaintiffs rested their case late yesterday afternoon, and today the defense has been putting in its testimony.

ESTATE OF ALEX. MCKERNAN.
Mary Ann Herr, a Sister, Wants Father
Rely Appointed Administrator.

Mary Ann Herr petitioned the probate court today praying that letters of administration upon the estate of Alex. McKernan, deceased, be issued to Father Denis Kiley. Petitioner says Alex. McKernan died in this city Dec. 24, 1899, leaving an estate valued at about \$10,000 consisting of \$500 on deposit with the National Bank of the Republic and mining property and interests in the description of which is unknown to petitioner. The heirs are James McKernan, a brother residing in Chicago, petitioner and her sister, Mary McKernan, the sister residing in Toledo, Ohio.

The petition will be heard January 30.

Walker Brothers, Bankers, filed a suit against the Utah Salt Lake association in the Third district court this afternoon to recover \$7,223.38 alleged to be due on an overdraft, money loaned and goods had of the firm of Walker Bros. Dry Goods company.

Trying to Prove an Alibi.

The Art Jones burglary case, the trial of which began before Judge Norrell and a jury yesterday morning, had not concluded at a late hour this afternoon. When the "News" report crossed the defendant was being cross-examined by Attorney Van Cott. Jones said he was not near Williams' store, corner K and Third streets, the night of the robbery.

Transferred to Federal Court.

The case of E. H. Gardner vs De La Mar's Nevada Gold Mines company has been transferred from the Third district court to the United States court. The suit is to recover the sum of \$20,000 for alleged personal injuries.

WANTS ATTACHMENT DISSOLVED.

Attorney Elmer B. Jones Claims to be a
Resident of Salt Lake.

Judge Cherry was occupied yesterday and a great part of today taking testimony on a motion to dissolve the attachment on Attorney Elmer B. Jones' part.

law library of the suit brought by the National Bank of the Republic against Jones and his wife to recover the sum of \$882 on a promissory note.

The attachment was issued while Attorney Jones was in Nebraska, it having been alleged by the plaintiff bank that the attorney was no longer a resident of Utah, and that he had gone to Nebraska for the purpose of making it his future home.

Mr. Jones testified that he had been in ill health for some time past and that he had gone east to recuperate. He denied having any intention of leaving Utah and said his residence was still in Salt Lake and that he had never visited anywhere else since leaving.

Judge Cherry will hear arguments at 7:30 this evening.

The trial of the case of the South Jordan Co-op Mercantile company vs Z. C. M. L., which began last Wednesday was resumed before Judge Cherry and jury this morning with fair prospects of a conclusion being reached this evening. The action is to recover the sum of \$6,500 on certain book accounts belonging to the plaintiff company.

Wife Sues for Divorce.

Addie Hemlow has instituted divorce proceedings against Walter Hemlow, alleging that the marriage took place at Brighton, Salt Lake county, on Oct. 3, 1891, and that the following January the defendant deserted her without cause.

Files an Attachment Suit.

Simon Israel & Company filed an attachment suit in the Third district court today against Jacob Levin to collect \$2,700.66, alleged to be the balance due on certain goods sold and delivered.

ANOTHER WIFE'S GRIEVANCES.

Mrs. Leo C. Gritman Says Her Husband
Failed to Provide for Her.

Failure to provide for the ground upon which Leo C. Gritman relies for an annulment of the marriage ties existing between herself and E. Delaney Gritman.

In a suit for divorce filed in the Third district court today Mrs. Gritman says she married the defendant at Leadville, Colorado, on March 21, 1898. For a year or more plaintiff says the defendant has failed to provide for her with the comfort and maintenance of a wife, notwithstanding the fact that he has been in good health, earning about \$60 per month. Plaintiff says "there are no fruits of said marriage resulting in children, but plaintiff has one girl seven years of age, the fruits of a former marriage, by name M. E. Mather."

Mrs. Gritman prays a dissolution of the marriage ties, the custody and control of her minor child, the restoration of her former name, Leo C. Mather, and other equitable relief.

W. C. Burns is plaintiff's attorney.

JUDGE TIMMONY'S COURT.

James Fillett faced his honor today on the charge of drunkenness. His head was badly cut from a fall received in the drunk-house last night. Fillett pleaded guilty to the charge against him, but considering this was his first appearance he was permitted to go.

D. E. Tilner said "here." He was also charged with drunkenness. "Yes, sir, I came down from the railroad and got to drinking." He was told to hustle back to the railroad and behave himself in the future.

William Carlton was adjudged guilty of petit larceny and sent up for 30 days. It appears that Carlton and a companion entered Friedman's clothing store and while one was making a purchase the other purloined a pair of trousers. Officer Lincoln who arrested the defendant testified that Carlton was known to have sold a pair of trousers the day previous to the theft.

W. N. Carney was fined \$2 for entering a restaurant this morning ordering a meal and refusing to pay for it.

MARRIAGE BY JUDGE NORRELL.

Judge Norrell today united in marriage Miss Nellie Douglas of Mammoth and Earl Y. McKee of this city.

SCANDINAVIAN MEETING.

Elder Heber J. Grant, of the Council of Apostles, will address the Scandinavian Saints at their meeting in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms, tomorrow, Thursday, January 4, at 8 p. m. All are cordially invited to this meeting.

J. M. SJODAHL, M. CHRISTOPHERSON, J. S. JENSEN.

AMERICAN FIRMS

Building Japan's New "Earthquake
Proof" Palace.

The new earthquake-resisting steel-framed palace for the crown prince of Japan is now being designed, and the foundations are being laid, with a view of obtaining the structural steel in February. The palace itself will be built of granite and marble around the steel skeleton. It will be 270 by 400 feet, and the height will be 60 feet, and will be built in the French Renaissance style.

A Chicago engineer has been called upon to design an elaborate heating and ventilating plant. An American ice manufacturing and electric light system will also be added. It is thought that steel construction will revolutionize the building industry in Japan.

The new palace will rest on 400 deep anchored steel columns imbedded in concrete piers. An American company will furnish the steel.

OOM PAUL.

The fact that there was great sympathy among Americans for the Boers pleased Oom Paul mightily.

"The Americans did give me some trouble in the Jameson Raid," he said; "but, on the whole, I get along with them very well. America is a wonderful country, and I always remember her President in my prayers."

Oom Paul's fondness for us leads him to patronize American manufactures, and in the corner of the room I noticed a big organ of a well-known American make. The table on which his pipe and tobacco lay came from the United States. A Vermont company had just finished laying a fine cement pavement in front of the "White House," and hanging to the curb thereof as we came in, were two Americans, one of whom wanted to get an order for Kruger's tombstone; the other a concession to build a national ice house—Alma's for December.

SUCH IS A SOLDIER'S LIFE.

(Frank L. Stanton.)

War! War! War!
The soldier's life is a
The city of the starved and the fatherless.
But such is a soldier's life.

And the fields of the world are red—
For a sword is keen to slay.
The dust can hide the dead,
And the living can weep and pray.

War! War! War!
Away! Away to the strife!
He asks not what he is dying for:
Such is a soldier's life!

THE FERTILITY OF MEXICAN LANDS

Soil Readily Yields to the Native's
Crooked Stick and Oxen.

LAND SOLD VERY CHEAPLY.

Agriculture in Mexico is Not Chance
Work—Cattle Raising—Many
Americans There.

The olden days and the new are brought side by side in the valley of the Casca Grandes, where in one field may be seen a yoke of oxen pulling a pointed stick, which is mortised into a heavy beam and which scratches its way through the rich black loam of the river bottom, while in an adjoining field a span of large horses or mules pull a steel plow of the best American make, and roll out the fresh earth as any Illinois farmer would prepare his land for sowing.

But whether by the crooked stick or whether by the glistering steel the soil be turned, the waving grain which turns to yellow in June and July, brings its rich reward to the patient toiler in the fields, and to one who has seen the wheat, the oats, the corn, the vegetables of the valley, it seems a useless waste of words to be discussing the question of agriculture on paper, when success is inscribed on the waving, wind-blown banner of green which marks the valley of the river as viewed from the surrounding hill tops and where the stores in the little plazas offer for sale only native corn, flour, beans and other products of the land and not imported products.

LAND IS CHEAP.

The writer chanced to be riding a pony through the river valley one day in company with a gentleman who had spent many years in the rich San Joaquin valley of California, who was in quest of the natural advantages of the Casca Grandes, noting the richness and depth of the soil, the beautiful stream of water, with the gigantic cottonwoods along its banks and the fertility growth in the fields about us. He was marking the many points in detail which caught his experienced eye, he finally said: "I am going to invest here. To think of it! Why, for twenty to thirty Mexican dollars per acre I can buy this land already in cultivation, while at home one must pay one hundred dollars in gold and upwards for land which does not begin to compare with this in fertility. Then, too," he continued, "what a splendid market place will always have for its products, lying as it does in the heart of such a mineral country where there will always be as many non-producers of food products, and where there will be wealth to buy at good prices." This seemed a concise statement of the conditions as they here exist and came from one whose success in life has proven him to be no idle dreamer.

IS NO MERE CHANCE.

It is no mere chance, resting on the uncertainties of unproven adaptability of soil and climate, for a man to settle here and make his lot as an agriculturist, for not even tradition, much less history can tell us who first came here and raised his living from the soil of this valley, and perchance his identity was just as much a mystery of the dim ages, as those who had lived here before the advent of the Spaniards three hundred and sixty years ago, and who had left the ruins of the large houses, the casca grandes, from which the valley gets its name, and which still, as immense mounds of earth, bring testimony to their fragments of pottery and stone implements and charred corn that in them once lived a race of farmers who toiled in their fields by the banks of the winding stream.

The Mormon colonies bring an eloquent testimony to the resources and fertility of these valleys. Look at their comfortable houses, their good stock, their every evidence of thrift and find, if you can word of doubt in your own heart that this country offers unusual inducements to farmers. Good crops, good markets—what more do you want?

The R. G. S. M. & P. brings you to the heart of this country. It is no longer a wild frontier to be reached only by long and perilous trips overland.

CATTLE RAISING.

The idea of being a "bonanza king" of course is a very tempting one, and many of the men here are looking for hopes connected with it, looking for the best next thing thought is to be a "cattle baron," and a short discussion of the cattle business in northern Chihuahua will show that this section of the country is especially favored for cattle raising.

Plenty of grass, good water and a climate mild and uniform are the three principal essentials to success in raising range cattle.

There is no country on the continent which is more nearly ideal in the respects named than the yellow plains and hills on the eastern foot of the great range which makes the Sonora-Chihuahua line.

The grass is green, which makes a quick heavy growth in mid-summer rainy season and cures in the fall making fair pasture for the winter. The dry stems are rich in saccharine matter and at the same time remain always green, and there is constantly some new growth at the bottom of the bunches, even in the winter, which will escape the eye of the casual observer, and is apparent only upon close examination.

Thus the visitor who sees for the first time the brown ranges wonders that the cattle are so fat, not knowing that a supply of rich food lies hidden under the brown and yellow bunches.

This is probably the only grass in the world from which a horse may be taken fresh and be driven a long hard drive as one would use a grain fed animal; and the butter made from cows on the grama is the sweetest on earth.

The water supply is ample to enable stock to reach all the grass, and the winter losses, which so often drive the northern cattleman out of business, are here simply nothing. One big Montana blizzard kills more cattle than the winter of a century would destroy here.

For furnishing a large, fat, mature steer of three or four years a visit to the alfalfa fields of Kansas or Colorado is the proper thing, at least, until the ranchers here raise the alfalfa themselves, as they will some day. But for a feeding ground and raising the steer to a two-year-old there is no country north to compare with it either in the per cent of annual increase or in the cheapness with which the two-year-old range steer can be produced.

There are already many fine ranches well stocked with good grade short-horn and Hereford cattle, and there are thousands of acres of fine grass land waiting and ready for the establishment of magnificent stock ranches, a source of riches to their owners and a material addition to the many substantial enterprises which cluster around Casca Grandes as shipping and supply point.

MANY AMERICANS.

Many of the ranches now in this country are under the management of Americans, but most of the range